

IN THE SPECIFICATION

NB 1. Please amend the following statement on page 1 under the section "RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER APPLICATIONS" of the specification:

"This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/032,830 filed on March 2, 1998, which [This application] is a continuation-in-part of copending application Serial No. 08/462,649 filed June 05, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,722,952, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 08/139,756, filed, October 22, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,489,299, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 07/913,486, filed on July 15, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,354,331"

Please delete the existing specification beginning at page 1, section "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and ending on page 21. A copy of the marked-up specification showing the deleted sections is attached.

Please insert the new substitute specification pages beginning at page 1, with the section "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" per the attached new specification pages 1-33.

IN THE CLAIMS

NE Please delete claims 2-30.

NE Please add new claims 31-44 as follows:

31. (New) A laser operable to weaken the sclera of an eye in the region of the ciliary body to thereby increase the effective working distance of the ciliary muscle of the eye.

AI 32. (New) The laser set forth in Claim 31 operable to weaken the sclera of the eye in the region of the ciliary body by abrading the sclera with laser irradiation.